rent staple groups, keeping in view the market diffrential and other relevant factors.

News supplied to AIR and T.V. by Samachar Bharati and Hindustan Samachar

2889. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio nad Doordarshan have been getting news supplied by the Samachar Bharati and the Hindustan Samachar;

(b) whether Government have been paying adequately to both these two Hindi News Agencies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that payments by A.I.R. and TV to the Samachar Bharati and the Hindustan Samachar are in arrears;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to clear the arrears of these two Hindi news agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Both the news agencies have been paid upto the period ending July, 1985 and there are no arrears.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Illegal encroachment of Pavements in Anaj Mandi, Shahdara

2890. SHRI ERA SAMBASIVAM: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that vegetable and fruit vendors have illegally encroached the entire pavements and parts of the road in Anaj Mandi, Shahdara, causing great inconvenience to the people residing in the vicinity of the said area, if so, what steps Government propose to take to clear the encroachments from the said area; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pavements and roads of Mandi are damaged, if so, by when the said area is likely to be developed in conformity with the land use of the area?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The MCD has reported that all the fruit and vegetable vendors in the area are not unauthorised encroachers. Quite a large number of them are Tehbazari holders paying tehbazari fee to the MCD. Action against unauthorised vendors is, however, taken by the MCD from time to time in the course of operations for removal of encroachments.

(b) Roads in the Mandi are not in a damaged condition and there is no proposal with the MCD for re-development of the area.

Maintenance of records regarding prices of land by D.D.A.

2891. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Delhi Development Authority and the Land and Development Office of his Ministry maintain records of the prices of land of various areas of Delhi as ovtaining in different years;

(b) whether it is a fact that information about such prices of land is notified from time to time by the DDA and L&DO;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the land prices of various areas in the

jurisdiction of the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the New Delhi Municipal Committee are not directly relevant in relation to the assessment of property tax in view of the Supreme Court Judgement dated the 12th December, 1984 on the subject of property tax; and

(d) whether the information relating to such land prices has been communicated to the M.C.D. and N.D.M.C. for facilitating calculation of property tax; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no notification of prices from time to time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The information relevent to land prices is supplied to MCD & MDMC by the Ministry of Works and Housing/Land and Development office or by DDA as and when local bodies ask for the same.

Central Crop Insurance Fund

2892. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Crop Insurance Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the likely annual Central grant to the Crop Insurance Fund; and

(c) whether the proposed Fund is likely to provide financial assistance under the Crop Insurance Scheme to the farmers of drought affected Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The General Insurance Corporation of India is to set up the Central Crop Insurance Fund out of the income from insurance premium. No contribution from the Central Government to the corpus of the Fund is envisaged in the Scheme.

(c) In he event of failure of crops insured under the Scheme, due to drought or other natural calamities, two-third share of the indemnities payable to the farmers shall be out of the Central Crop Insurance Fund. The remaining one-third shall be borne by the State Government. This pattern is applicable to States, including Orissa, which are implementing the Scheme.

Building plan of South Delhi Colonies

2893. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building plans in some of the regularised colonies of South Delhi *viz.* Arjun Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Humayunpur etc. have not been sanctioned by Government inspite of the fact that development charges have been paid by the land owners;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some restrictions have also been imposed by Government in regard to repairs, alternation of ceiling etc. of the existing buildings in those colonies and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to sanction buildjng plans and withdraw restrictions on repairs in those localities of South Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d) The DDA has reported that building plans are sanctioned and permission for carrying out repairs etc., to the existing